Fond du Lac Supportive Housing
Owner: Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Description: 24 units of permanent supportive housing for single persons and families on the Fond du Lac Reservation

Tenant Profile: Very low income singles and families who are homeless, long-term homeless, or chronically homeless including: doubled up, tripled up, overcrowded, homeless residing in shelters, facing eviction, leaving institutional settings, or living in abandoned housing without running water or electricity.

Service Approach: The services will be comprehensive and meet the needs of individual clients. Service delivery will be focused on addressing tenants’ barriers to maintaining housing and will create a support system around the individuals and families to prevent homelessness from re-occurring. Services will be culturally appropriate and be provided by the Fond du Lac Human Services Division.

Financing Information

Capital Financing Sources

- Minnesota Housing, Housing Trust Fund $1,400,000
- Fond du Lac Band NAHASDA Funds $1,100,000
- Minnesota Housing Tribal Indian Housing Program $807,306
- Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines AHP $440,000
- Fond du Lac Band Roads Funds $415,457
- HUD Rural Housing and Economic Development $300,000
- Minnesota Housing Ending Long Term Homelessness Investment Fund $204,239
- Greater Minnesota Housing Fund $204,000
- Fond du Lac Band Land Donation $112,000
- Corporation for Supportive Housing (pre-development loan) $50,000
- Minnesota Green Communities $15,000
- Fond du Lac Band Furnishings Donation $10,000
- Enterprise Foundation $10,000
- HUD Supportive Housing Program (partnering with AlCHO) $4,368

Total $5,022,370

Operating Financing Sources

- Estimated Net Rent (first year) $143,064
- MN Department of Human Services (HSASMI) (total funds for up to five years) $250,000
- HUD Supportive Housing Program (partnering with AlCHO) (first year) $14,504

Total $407,568

Services Financing Sources

- Fond du Lac Band Human Services Dedicated Case Managers (first full year) $140,870
- MN Housing Operating Subsidy (total funds for up to five years) $250,000
- HUD Supportive Housing Program (partnering with AlCHO) (first year) $4,974

Total $395,844
About the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa possesses the inherent jurisdiction and authority to exercise regulatory control within the boundaries of the 100,000+ acre Fond du Lac Reservation, established in 1854, located in northern Minnesota adjacent to the City of Cloquet in both St. Louis and Carlton Counties. In addition to running a full service sovereign government (including health and human services, housing, licensing, natural resource management, planning, police, roads, transportation, utilities, etc.), the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa runs a school system, tribal college, two casinos, a convention center, hotel, golf course, propane company, gas and grocery store, and other business enterprises. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has 4,000 enrolled members and employs 1,800 people.

The Native American population of the Fond du Lac Reservation is characterized by high numbers of people living in poverty. The majority of the tenants of Fond du Lac Supportive Housing are expected to be described as “nomadic”. They have experienced episodic homelessness, with a history of failed attempts to find appropriate housing.

CSH and the Fond du Lac Band
In 2006, CSH Minnesota Program staff began working with the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation to develop the project concept and provide opportunities for tribal staff to learn about development and services of supportive housing. The Fond du Lac Reservation supportive housing team joined nine other teams to receive 80 hours of intensive training under the 2007-2008 CSH Minnesota Supportive Housing Institute: Opening New Doors. Karen Diver, Chairwoman of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, led the effort that resulted in the Wilder Research study of homelessness on six northern Minnesota Indian reservations; is a founding member of the American Indian Supportive Housing Initiative, which began in Minnesota and is scheduled to become a national initiative; brought the HUD 184 loan guarantee program to the Fond du Lac Reservation; established and has led Fond du Lac’s effort to create a supportive housing development; and has been a consistent advocate for additional resources for supportive housing in the American Indian community.

CSH’s Technical Assistance
CSH assisted with the creation of the development team that turned the vision into a resource for the Fond du Lac Reservation. CSH provided predevelopment funding, technical assistance, trainings, and assistance with securing equity. CSH was an advocate for this project by working with non-native funders to better understand the need and the solution created to address the need.

About CSH
The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is a national, nonprofit organization that helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness. CSH advances its mission by providing high-quality advice and development expertise, by making loans and grants to supportive housing sponsors, by strengthening the supportive housing industry, and by reforming public policy to make it easier to create and operate supportive housing. CSH delivers its core services primarily in ten states (California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island) and in Washington, DC. CSH also operates targeted initiatives in 6 states (Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Washington) and provides limited assistance to many other communities.

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